

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes

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July 30, 2023

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *First Book of Kings* 3:5, 7-12. God gives Solomon a choice of gifts. Solomon asks God for "an understanding mind," so that he could always do what was just and best for his subjects. God rewards him with the gift of wisdom making him the wisest man that ever lived. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans* 8:28-30. The theme of this reading concerns the graciousness and mercy of God at work in calling men to himself, justifying them, and glorifying them as well. The point of the reading is the eternal mystery of the ineffable love of God for man, even before man existed. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew* 13:44-52. The lesson of these two parables is as true for us today, as it was for those Palestinians to whom Christ spoke. All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all, who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world's joys and pleasures *within the framework of God's commandments*, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Keeping within the framework of God's commandments is the difficulty. We need not have a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only such goods as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all of these from a fellow man who is in need. We do not have to take a vow of chastity, but yet we must be chaste, we must use the gifts and the pleasure of sex only within the limits set down by God's wise laws.

All of this is not easy for human nature. But we are not relying on weak human nature, we have within our reach in the Church all the spiritual and supernatural aids we need. Our twentieth century, it is true, is so engrossed in chasing after the earthly comforts and pleasures of the body, and so devoid of any spiritual or other-worldly outlook, that even those who know and believe that there is an eternity after death, find it hard to allow their faith and convictions to govern and direct their daily actions. Yet, the evil example of others will never justify our wrongdoing. The commandments of God are still binding, even though they are openly and flagrantly violated by individuals and whole nations today.

Remember this: we shall not be asked at the judgment, "What did your neighbor do?", but "what did you do?" If we lose the pearl of great price in the eternity of happiness God has offered to us-it will not be the fault of others. The fault will be ours and ours only. We refused to pay the price. We did not think it worth the

"paltry all" which we possessed in this life.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## **Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Please call the office:

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## **Receipts:**

**St. John the Baptist**

**July 22, 2023**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 895.00
Cemetery Donation	360.00
Property Maintenance	70.00

**Total** **\$ 1,325.00**

**St. Peter's**

**July 22, 2023**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 846.20
Candles	16.00

**Total** **\$ 862.20**

**Holy Guardian Angels**

**July 23, 2023**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 717.95
Candles	77.05

**Total** **\$ 795.00**

## **Schedule of Masses**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

SJB 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

SP 9:00 AM

*+Deacon Jim Briand & Parents*

**Friday, August 4, 2023**

HGA 11:00 AM

*+ Manny Mombourquette*

### Saturday, August 5, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+ *Orville O'Hara & Family*

SP 5:30 PM

### Sunday, August 6, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Simon Sampson*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Nicolas Denys Days 2023 is coming up from July 31st to August 6th! It's a full week of fun for the whole family with lots of music, children's activities, tours, and of course, our favourite - Swim The Canal!

### **Musique Royale: Best of Boxwood Tour**

Taking place annually in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, the Boxwood Festival is renowned for its inspiring, multi-generational environment of workshops and concerts centered around traditional music and early music, with experts and amateurs providing an immersive artistic experience. This year the tour features Kevin Burke, Bruce Molsky, Chris Norman, Eamon O'Leary, and Janelle Lucyk. All of whom will come together to celebrate the energetic, traditional dance music of the Maritimes, Scotland, Ireland and more.

Saturday July 29 at 7 pm - St John's in the Wilderness, 5325 Nova Scotia Trunk 10, New Germany

Sunday July 30 at 4 pm - Osprey Arts Centre, 107 Water St, Shelburne (Tickets sold by venue)

Monday July 31 at 7 pm - Saint Peter's church, 1152 Route 335, West Pubnico

Tues Aug 1 at 7 pm - Malagawatch Church, Highland Village Museum, 4119 Hwy 223, Iona

Wed Aug 2 at 7 pm - Saint Paul's Anglican Church, 96 Church St, Antigonish

Thurs Aug 3 at 7 pm - Sharon United Church, 15 Church St, Tatamagouche.

### **Pastoral Airs Concert**

St. Mary's Parish Church, Big Pond - Sunday, August 13,

2:00 -4:00 pm. Cost \$10.00 cash only. Our talent includes The Bisson sisters, Jimmy MacNeil, Christie Marie MacNeil, Mae MacNeil, Howie MacDonald, MacMorin, Regina Moss and her guitar gals and Keith MacDonald.

A light lunch will be held in the firehall following the concert. Our church is now air conditioned for your comfort. Hope to see you there!

### **GRAND OPENING: Quilt Artisan Market**

St. David's United Church

Port Hastings

AUGUST 2-6, DAILY 10AM-4PM

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10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY